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## Universities rally to win more money

By TOM STONE

FRANKFORT — Thousands of students, representing each of the eight state universities, rallied together yesterday to loudly chant higher education's message to the Kentucky General Assembly — "We need money!"

The screaming cheerleaders, thundering pep bands and enthusiastic crowd all contributed to the political hoopla.

"This is like a political convention and a pep rally and an old-time tent revival all rolled into one," said Gov. Martha Layne Collins as she addressed the crowd of about 4,000 that had descended upon Frankfort's Civic Center.

The rally, sponsored by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education Inc. was the climax of a massive lobbying effort aimed at increasing funding for state universities and colleges. Eight smaller rallies, one of which was at Western, were held early last month around the state to build momentum for the Frankfort rally.

Big Red and a bus load of cheerleaders and Spirit Dancers arrived at the center before anybody else. Their cheering section — about 300 Western students and dozens of faculty and administrators — rolled into town about an hour later.

A collegiate roll call kicked off the rally.

As Western's name was called, President Kern Alexander sprang from his front-row seat and turned to lead his delegation in a towel-waving, ear-shattering cheer.

Alexander said he was pleased by the Western turnout for the "spectacular event" that could mark a turning point for higher education in Kentucky.

"Here we've got the students begging — virtually pleading — for education," Alexander said, "and the people of Kentucky should pro-

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vide it."

Western students said their professors allowed them to miss class to attend the rally.

"I wasn't planning on coming," said Daniel Rodriguez, a senior from Venezuela. "I've got a test tomorrow."

"I was driving by the university center and saw all the people yelling and having fun. And I just decided that I had to go, too."

"I've been at Western for four years," Rodriguez said, "and I realize higher education is not being funded as much as it should be."

Jimmy Feix, director of alumni affairs and former football coach, said the rally "reminds me of the old games."

"This may be one of the most important pep rallies I've ever been to," Feix said. "I hope we win this game."

"It's teamwork that gets the job done. It's hard for one university to change things alone, but together they can make a difference."

Dana CurLee, a Louisville junior, said she went to the rally to lend whatever support she could to tomorrow's college students.

"By having this rally, we might help improve the situation for college students in the future."

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Ready for the higher education rally, Louisville sophomore Ed Kenney boards a bus chartered for the trip to Frankfort yesterday.

Greg Lovett Herald



## Questions raised over coupon calls

By JAYNE CRAVENS

Callers offering prizes and trips for buying coupons have spurred an investigation by Public Safety and questions from dorm residents about a promotional company's credibility.

Some students complained that company callers misled them into buying coupons for local discounts by offering trips to exotic locales, without explaining that most college students aren't qualified for the vacations.

But Sun-Starr Promotions, located at 339 31-W Bypass, has a city operational license and is operating legally, Lt. Charles Kirby of Public Safety said. The company is also offering refunds.

The license "does not give the company the right to solicit in the dorms," Kirby said. "But they may sell things over the phone."

Laurie Moon, who lives in McCormack Hall, said a caller from Sun-Starr Promotions first told her that she had won a three-day trip for two to one of 12 resort areas, including Hawaii and Canada.

Moon said she was then told she would receive her choice of a phone or a disc camera and a lifetime supply of Kodak film if she bought a \$39.95 coupon book that offered \$1,000 in values and free services from Bowling Green merchants.

"When I ask around the dorm later, just about everybody I talked to in McCormack was called," the Henderson sophomore said, "but I was one of the few who took the offer."

Moon said she volunteered her age just in case there was an age requirement for the trip.

"The lady asked if I was planning to take a guy with me on the trip, and I said I didn't know," Moon said.

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## Laugh and lose

## Traveling comics pay \$25 to stone-faced students

By TODD TURNER

Not many people can be a roll-on deodorant, an egg, a satellite or a prune anytime they want. But Danny Ballard can.

Even impersonating a smoked ham is not out of the question when Ballard stretches a fish net over his bald head.

Ballard's antics were just part of a three-man comedy show that entertained about 250 students at the university center Tuesday night. The two-hour show, "We Can Make You Laugh," was sponsored by University Center Board.

Joe Dunckel, Anthony Griffin and Ballard travel around the country to college campuses, performing their

comedy routines wherever they go.

Dunckel, 37, formed the trio about two years ago in Michigan when his agent suggested he try the "Make Me Laugh" format, popularized by a television show of that name, on the road.

Tuesday night, each comedian performed a 20-minute stand-up routine, and then students were called on stage to have their funny bone tested. A T-shirt and \$25 went to whomever could withstand the taunts and gags for six minutes.

Two contestants emerged victorious, but several others went down giggling at the silliness and costumes of the comedians.

"We try to catch 'em off guard," Ballard said. "Nearly all the students

were finished off within a minute."

Jan Wever, a Fort Knox freshman, was unsuccessful in holding his laughter. "I'd try to think about baseball or something boring (like) class" given another chance, Wever said.

Ballard said, "A lot of the people come up (to the stage), and they're laughing all the way up." Most of them leave still laughing and without \$25.

Dunckel said, "The more the audience laughs, the more pressure is on them."

Dunckel and Ballard, both veterans of the Michigan nightclub scene, are original members of the traveling show. Griffin has been with them since August.

"We've been really lucky," Dunckel said. "We've got a good gimmick. And just like anything, if you've got a good gimmick, you'll go somewhere."

The group uses some off-color humor, but they said they adjust the material for each show, depending on the area or religious conviction of the school. Dunckel rates the act "PG-13."

Ballard — nicknamed "The Wild Man" — tends to be the most eccentric of the three with his off-the-wall humor.

"If the audience doesn't want to laugh and react to what I'm saying," Ballard said, "I'll jump down and

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"She said if you take a male guest you have to be 21 and married, but if I wanted to, I could lie and say I was married."

Rick Sutton, the supervisor for Sun-Starr Promotions, said he knows of no one who told people to lie in order to claim the prize. "We know better than to pull something like that."

Sutton also said his callers are not supposed to give the sales pitch in the order Moon says she received it.

"We told our girls not to mention the vacation bonus until the end," Sutton said. "We're advertising the places and services in the book, not the vacation."

"They've got to stick to the pitch," he said. "The trip is just an added bonus, anyway. We offer it because it came with the film offer."

Moon's roommate, Tracey McClellan, a Henderson sophomore, and two friends went with her to the lobby to buy the coupon book and to claim the prizes.

Moon introduced herself to "a guy standing there who was sort of looking around," and he congratulated her. "That's when Tracey and my friends started asking questions," she said.

"They asked if I had really won a trip and he said, 'Yes,'" she con-

tinued. "He was short with all our questions and said, 'It's all in the book.'"

"My friends grabbed the travel brochure that was sitting with my prizes and started looking through the rules. They didn't see any catch to it, so I went ahead and signed my check."

Sutton describes the drop-off process differently.

"Our person doesn't run in, throw the book down, take the money and run," he said. "I even once delivered the coupons myself to the campus, and I must have stayed there 20 minutes explaining the deal."

After she got upstairs, Moon discovered she could not take the trip.

"I was looking through the booklet and I read that you had to be 21 and married or 25 and single to get the prizes," she said. "And you had to provide proof of your marriage."

Moon said she bought the coupon book so she could get the trip. She did get a camera and will receive a roll of free film when she pays for the development of a roll by American Film Club.

"As far as my trip is concerned, I was ripped off," Moon said. "I feel like I was preyed upon because I was excited about winning a trip."

No one was intentionally misled, Sutton said. The company calls from

a computer list of telephone numbers with no names or addresses, he said, so there was no way of knowing a women's dorm was being called continually.

"I think this is a case of just a big misunderstanding," he said. "We haven't got a bad product here."

"We're not trying to rip anyone off," he said. "We don't want trouble. We're even taking the vacation completely out of our pitch."

"We have a reputation at stake here," he said. "We've got some of the leading merchants in Bowling Green watching this who want to get in on this when we do it next year."

Sutton said that three callers have been fired and that a recent meeting emphasized the use of the sales pitch without the vacation. "We want to do this right," he said.

He said anyone having a question or wanting a refund can call Sun-Starr at 782-3172, or can go by the office. He said seven bought the coupons, and two have gotten refunds.

Kirby said that it would be difficult to find out exactly what students were promised over the phone. If the company did mislead people, Kirby said, Sun-Starr "should not have been representing themselves to be something that they aren't."

"This all boils down to, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

## Institute offers students study abroad

Summer days and nights in Austria. Or in Paris, Spain or Italy. Western students can have their pick through the Kentucky Institute for European Studies.

The institute organizes and coordinates for college students summer study-abroad programs in Bregenz, Austria; Madrid, Spain; Paris and Nimes, France; and Florence, Italy.

Each year usually 20 to 25 Western students apply, said Dr. Thomas Baldwin, professor of German.

Western, Murray State, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State and Northern Kentucky universities and the University of Kentucky make up the institute.

The Austria program is the most popular with Western students so far, Baldwin said, and about 95 percent of those who went to Austria took a course in German, the country's main language.

"You get to see another culture up close and firsthand," he said. "It's a

more congenial environment for studying a foreign language."

While in Europe, students attend classes Monday through Thursday and have weekends free for independent travel. Most students stay for a while after they finish the program to travel, Baldwin said.

The deadline for filing applications for the Kentucky Institute programs is March 14, and students can apply for financial aid to these programs.

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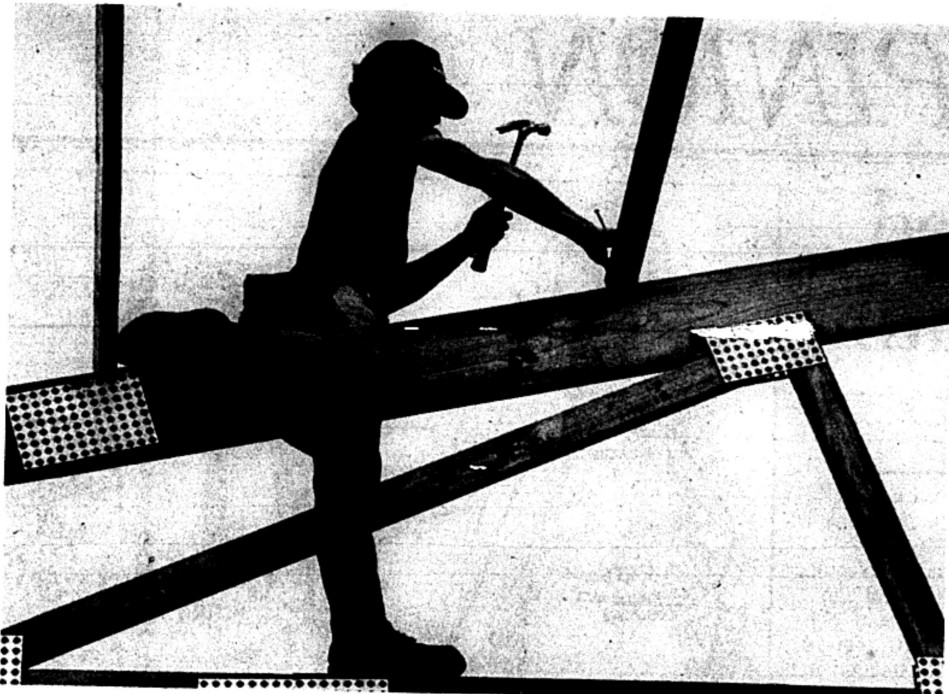
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Interviews will be scheduled and information about Citizens Fidelity Bank will be available through the CAP, Center Placement Office from February 4 to February 14, 1986, 12 noon.



### Hang nail

Patrick Day of Bowling Green hammers a nail into a joist Wednesday morning while balancing himself. He was working on a new barn at the Agricultural Exposition Center.

Steve Hanks/Herald

## CAMPUSLINE

### Today

Anthropology Club will meet in Grise Hall, Room 134, at 3:30 p.m.

The International Business Fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi, will hold the last of its "Meet the Chapter" sessions in the university center.

Room 340, at 7 p.m. All business majors interested are invited.

FCA will meet in the university center, Room 305, at 7:30 p.m. Doug Newton will be the speaker.

Tomorrow  
Fantasy Productions Inc. will sponsor a Truck and Tractor Pull at 8

p.m. It will run through Sunday Feb. 9 in the Agriculture Exposition Center.

### Monday

The Sports Club Association will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Room 226 of Diddle Arena.



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# OPINION

## Kentucky can't feed a new hungry mouth

Jane has nine children and is having a hard time making ends meet.

There's not always enough food to give each child a good meal, and the holes in the children's jeans are getting bigger.

But Jane is considering having another child.

Should she?

Kentucky has eight state universities and 13 community colleges.

The schools are underfunded. Low salaries are causing low faculty morale, and deferred maintenance has left buildings in sad shape.

But Gov. Martha Layne Collins has suggested creating a \$15 million community college in Owensboro through bond projects. The House Education Committee Tuesday passed a bill that would create the school.

The legislature will now consider passing the bill.

Should they?

No.

Just as it makes little sense for a woman with nine underfed children to have another child, it's equally foolish to add another college to Kentucky's underfed higher education system.

By adding the expense of the school to the overall higher education budget, the legislature is diverting much-needed dollars from existing schools.

The General Assembly should reject Collins request and instead allocate the bond project money for faculty salaries at the existing schools.

Owensboro is already well-served. It has two private four-year schools — Kentucky Wesleyan and Brescia. Henderson Community College is less than 30 miles away, Madisonville Community College 40 miles and Western 70 miles.

The new school at Owensboro could kill Henderson's community college.

With an enrollment of about 700, Henderson will be slowly drained of most of its students. Its branch in Owensboro, with about 1,000 students, would be shut down.

Western gets about 100 students a year from Owensboro-Daviess County. Only three counties contribute more students to Western than Daviess does.

With a state school in their back yard, many of those potential Hill-toppers would stay at home to attend school. Western would be out a lot of freshmen and sophomores.

Defending the proposed community college, Paul Cook, executive vice president, and other administrators say many of the students that the two-year school would attract would transfer to Western for their junior and senior years.

However, studies of the community college system show that fewer than half of those in two-year schools go on to four-year institutions.

Gov. Collins said in her budget address that "Owensboro deserves a community college" and referred to the struggle by House Speaker Don Blandford, a Daviess County Democrat, to get the school.

Her statements make it clear that she's looking at the political advantages of an Owensboro school as



Aw, come one, honey . . . just one more?

much, if not more than, the real need for the college.

Blandford, as speaker, is a powerful legislator, capable of swaying votes for Collins' proposals.

Rep. Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, estimates that fewer than 25 of the 138 legislators support the creation of a new school. But he said Blandford and Collins could pressure enough votes to pass the bill.

State colleges and universities have many needs now, but their presidents put faculty raises as their highest pri-

ority for legislative funding.

The \$2.9 million Collins suggests the legislature appropriate directly to the Owensboro school for its operation in 1986-88 would be more wisely spent on raises that would bring our teachers closer to the national median.

An Owensboro Community College wouldn't strengthen Kentucky's higher education system. It would weaken it.

Jane shouldn't have another baby and Kentucky shouldn't have another state school.

## New goals face both races in 80s

By LAMONT JONES JR.

As we celebrate Black History Month this February, both black and white Americans are faced with a challenge and a hope.

The challenge to the black American is to learn and never forget his past accomplishments — great, noteworthy, enduring accomplishments that historically have been forgotten, overlooked and ignored by most Americans.

The black American is challenged to analyze and improve himself in a time when he is fast becoming his own worst enemy. Today he bleeds profusely from wounds that are mainly self-inflicted — a dreadfully high number of poverty-stricken families, a tragically high rate of young unwed mothers and a dismally high percentage of households headed by single parents, usually women.

The black American is challenged to prepare his mind and spirit for a future that is yet uncertain for even those who are best prepared to meet its high demands. As it stands, how much



**Lamont Jones Jr.**  
Commentary

he will progress — or regress — in the future is being determined by a clearly less-than-favorable present.

And there must be an equally urgent challenge to the white American: to accept the long well-hidden truth that America was made great by the contributions of many different people, not the least of whom were black Americans.

For example, how many know that ice cream and the spotlight, a couple of today's luxuries and necessities, were invented by black men? Or that the U.S. capitol, the administrative seat of our proud nation, was surveyed and designed

by a black man? Digging deep into the work of black historians is the only way to unearth such facts, for they are not found in the history books of most schools.

Moreover, the white American is also challenged to be patient. Understand the black American, if he does not seem as proud as you are of the United States. After almost 400 years of the same tiring struggle for equality of opportunity, he doesn't have much about which to smile. All he wants is a fair chance, a real chance to share equally in the great blessings of America. It takes perseverance and faith to fight for the same rights against the same evil for four centuries, but the black American is determined to win.

The hope for all is that, as the black American gets his house in order, the white American will willingly do no less than what he should — work hard for more just and truly united states in which all citizens are full partners in the quest for real life, liberty and happiness.

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# Consulting adds to classroom teaching

By JILL DUFF

Outside of the classroom one professor looks for prehistoric sites. Another helps people cope with health problems. And one conducts public opinion polls.

Consulting jobs such as these are encouraged by the university, said Dr. Robert Haynes, vice president for academic affairs.

Guidelines laid out in the Faculty Handbook on consulting jobs must be followed. Faculty members may take on such jobs with approval of the university as long as the jobs do not interfere with university obligations.

An associate professor of anthropology, Dr. Jack M. Schock is an archaeologist specializing in prehistoric Indian culture in the eastern United States.

He conducts archaeological surveys on land that has been selected for projects such as road construction, industrial parks or airport expansions.

Grounds that haven't been disturbed must be surveyed, Schock said, to predict the impact construction will have on the environment.

The surveys are done, Schock said, to make sure no sites that contain new information about a culture are destroyed.

"If a significant site is found, the options are avoiding the site or doing an excavation," he said. "The vast majority of sites found do not turn out to be significant."

Another teacher surveys people instead of land. Dr. John Parker, a professor of government, does political consulting that includes con-

ducting public opinion polls and developing campaign strategy.

Currently Parker is working as campaign consultant for Dr. Nick Kafoglis, a Bowling Green physician, who is trying to unseat Senator Frank Miller.

Parker said he usually works with local and regional candidates during Kentucky's May and November elections. He said the experience helps him do research and teach government and politics.

*'The biggest intangible reward is feeling like you're helping these people.'*

— Duane Andrews

"My own experience is relevant," he said. "It helps in terms of being able to talk about what really happens."

Dr. Larry Caillouet also surveys people. The associate professor of speech communication and theater does marketing surveys that involve taking representative samples of people, interviewing them and applying their responses to the area involved.

In 1980, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association contacted Caillouet and asked him to find out which advertising medium best prompted people to attend crusades, he said.

He said he found that newspapers

were especially effective in informing the public of crusades but that personal contacts were more effective in persuading people to attend.

His out-of-class work gives him good examples to use in his classes, Caillouet said, and his students also benefit in another way.

"We often employ some of our students in helping with various areas of the projects," he said.

Will R. Berry, coordinator of the university social work program, also applies his outside job to his work with students.

"One of the things that social work stresses is keeping your hand in the field," Berry said. "It's meaningful to us and our students to get involved."

Berry works at the Bowling Green Hemodialysis Clinic, counseling patients who've experienced kidney failure and are undergoing treatment.

He helps patients find financial resources and helps some find rooms in nursing homes.

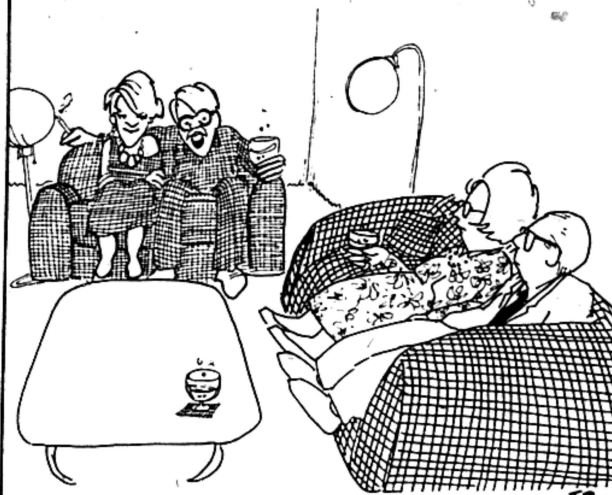
Also a part-time counselor at the hemodialysis clinic, Duane Andrews helps patients and their families deal with adjustment problems.

"I try to help them understand their problem so they can comply with diet and treatment," said Andrews, an associate professor of social work.

Patients are put on a strict diet with limited liquid intake, Andrews said. She also said that without proper treatment, many kidney failure victims would die.

"The biggest intangible reward," Andrews said, "is feeling like you're helping these people."

## REAL WORLD By Julia Barry



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# Latest proposal for King Day seeks silence, bells

By JACKIE HUTCHERSON

He wants Western to recognize a Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and he's taking some old advice: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

Bill Schilling's first such proposal to Associated Student Government asked that the university dismiss classes on Jan. 20 to observe the national holiday. It was defeated, 5-20.

"Maybe a day was too extravagant," Schilling, freshman class vice president, said Tuesday.

So his new proposal calls for Western to recognize King with 10 minutes of silence and the ringing of the Cherry Hall bells on the third Monday in January. First reading was

given to the bill at Tuesday's student government meeting.

"One or two minutes doesn't show a lot of respect," said Schilling, a Union freshman. "Ten minutes will make you think."

In Henry Hardin Cherry's time, blacks were looked down upon. Schilling said.

"It would be such an extreme step from bigotry," he said, "if we rang the bell from Cherry Hall."

If passed, the proposal will go to Dr. Robert Haynes, vice president for academic affairs, for action. Haynes said the previous proposal would conflict with the number of days students were in school.

"This has a much better chance of passing," student President Mitchell

McKinney said. "It's much more in the line of what congress will accept."

Another issue, brought up by Schilling, recommends adding a pedestrian light and signs between Pearce-Ford Tower and Egypt parking lot.

The proposal, given first reading Tuesday, also asks Western to enforce the crosswalk laws in this area and other crosswalks on campus.

There is a dark spot between the tower and Egypt, Schilling said. The traffic on the four lanes of University Boulevard is too heavy because of ballgames and Jones-Jagers Elementary School.

"Last semester a proposal which would upgrade lights on campus

failed because it was too vague," Schilling said. "The problem with lights still exists."

Besides giving first reading to two bills, congress heard about a plan to run a shuttle bus that would take students home from local bars.

Student government's Legislative Research Committee is looking into the idea, said committee co-Chairman Caroline Miller.

The idea stemmed from a plan to have a shuttle bus travel from campus to Greenwood Mall, said co-Chairman Terri Rice.

"We have started checking with local bars to see if they will support part of it," said Rice, senior class president. "It would really benefit students."

One idea for a shuttle bus is to use the laundry van, if the campus laundry goes out of business, Rice said.

"We're in the researching stage right now," she said.

In other business, congress:

- Appointed Holger Velastegui, a sophomore from Santo Domingo, Ecuador, as an on-campus representative.

- Appointed Lynn Ritter, a Bowling Green junior, as an off-campus representative.

- Appointed Debra Wredman, a freshman from Columbus, Ohio, as an off-campus representative.

- Announced openings for a Potter College representative, a representative-at-large and a College of Education representative.

## Alexander meets ASG

A banner welcoming Dr. Kern Alexander to Tuesday's Associated Student Government meeting is too big to fit in the president's Western scrapbook.

But "he said that he would take it home anyway," said Tara Wassom, creator of the poster. "Not many people would do that."

Most of the congress members took advantage of speaking one-on-one with the new president and were impressed, they said.

"I thought the way he related with the students was sincere," said Wassom, student government secretary.

When the students gave the president a standing ovation, he said he doesn't get that kind of treatment from his four children, two of whom are in college.

"They take my car keys, my money and come home late," he said.

Alexander told the group that he had wanted to speak to student government as soon as possible. "You are a very important aspect of university life," he said.

He said Western students are involved in the university as much as those at the University of Florida at Gainesville, where he taught before being selected as Western's president.

Plans for meetings with other groups such as Inter-Hall Council and University Center Board are on Alexander's agenda so he can get to know the students better, he said.

Student government President Mitchell McKinney said Alexander seems "really concerned with student problems."

"He wants to be orientated to the students," McKinney said. "He is off on an excellent foot."



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# DIVERSIONS

## The Right Direction — students in learning's limelight

By SHEILA SULLIVAN

The first week of rehearsals for "Margaret's Bed" was going well. Then it happened — the leading lady quit.

It's the understudy's big chance — or it would have been if there had been an understudy.

"This is such a rare thing and using an understudy takes so much extra time that I didn't use one," student Director Michelle Ball said.

"Ann (Street) quit to audition for the Irene Ryan Scholarship for a performing arts school in North Carolina," Ball said. "The audition is the same night as the play opening."

With only nine rehearsals to go before opening night, Ball had to find a replacement quick.

"Dr. (Loren) Ruff suggested that I do the part," said Ball, an Anchorage junior. Dr. Ruff is a theater professor. "I've probably done as much work on the character and thought about her as much as Ann had."

"It's actually pretty exciting."

The Western Studio Theatre is presenting more student-run shows this semester than ever before, Ball said. All of the performances are one-act plays and will be presented in Gordon Wilson Theatre 100.

"It's the students' theater," Ball said. "They act it, direct it and run the lights."

"Margaret's Bed" will open Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in Gordon Wilson Hall. It will be the first of 11 productions this semester.

It's a funny show, the director said, that deals with sex "tastefully."

"It's a show about a college girl who's afraid to stay alone at night," Ball said. The girl leads a man to believe that she will sleep with him so he will come home with her.

To make opening night doubly entertaining, following "Margaret's Bed" will be "A Good Time" directed by Terry Powell, a Boonville, Ind. senior.

"I chose 'A Good Time' because I like the characters in the play — they're not too deep," Powell said. "It's about two people who are tired of the single world of the '80s and fed up with singles bars and one-night stands."

Powell hasn't attended Western for about a year. He worked last semester as a prop master and electrician for a Rock Island, Iowa, theater group and worked last spring at

Disneyland.

Last summer he was the technical director for a group doing Shakespeare's plays in Central Park in Louisville.

About three years ago Powell directed "Aesop's Fables" for the children's theater.

*'This is the first semester Western is charging admission... a lot of the time people have the idea that something for free isn't worth anything.'*

— Michelle Ball

"When I found out I was directing this semester, I had a week to find a play and get it ready" for rehearsals, he said.

"It was hard for me to cast this play because I've been away and a lot of new people have come in," Powell said.

And the studio theater is introducing something new to its program this semester — income.

"This is the first semester Western is charging admission to the studio theater shows — 50 cents — probably because of their growing popularity," Ball said.

"It might have something to do with the fact that a lot of the time people have the idea that something for free isn't worth anything," she added.

The theater people support the plays, Powell said. "Some of the theater appreciation classes are required to attend. The rest of the audience depends on the publicity."

The money made from the tickets will be used to supplement the \$50 budget Western gives each student director for production expenses.

"The studios at Western are mainly an exercise for actors and directors," Ball said.

Most studio shows are required to use only basics in technical design, Powell said. "Anything that has to be constructed we can't use."

Walls and windows have to be imaginary since the audience will be seated on three sides of the stage.

Actors are typically the center of attention, but it's the director who really has to make the grade — twice.

Before becoming a studio director, students have to take a directing class. The next semester they can petition a faculty committee to let them do a play.

The petition is accepted if the play seems to have good audience potential and the would-be director seems able to handle a production on his own.

"During the class I show them how to structurally analyze a play," Ruff said, which helps them choose the play they want to do.

Powell said the class helped him understand the theories behind directing: being organized and remaining in control when working with actors.

"We're graded on organization — they look at our prompt script," Powell said. "We're supposed to keep a daily diary."

"Dr. Ruff comes to the production to see if we've accomplished what we set out to do."

Ruff said he acts as producer for

both plays, occasionally dropping in to see rehearsals and keep up with how the production is coming along.

"But I don't want to overdo it," Ruff said. "If I show up too much I usurp the position of the student director. I don't want to upset the delicate balance of the actor-director relationship."

Ball said sometimes the "absolute freedom" she has in acting and directing her play is a little scary.

"This is my first time to direct at Western," she said. "I acted in the children's theater... there (Anchorage) until I was too old."

"Then I directed and assistant directed some shows before coming to Western," she said. "My show only has two characters so it's a make-or-break situation."

A lot of studio shows this semester will be two-character plays, because they're a little easier to direct, Ball said.

Still, for a good production, the director has to be knowledgeable about every aspect of the theater, Ruff said.

"If the show's good, it's, 'Who's the actor?'" he said, "and if the show's bad, it's 'Who's the director?'"



Photos by Tim Broekema

Since "Margaret's Bed" has only two characters, student Director Michelle Ball is under more pressure to make the play a success, which could earn her a good grade.

## Bum changes family's lives in R-rated Disney movie

By JAYNE CRAVENS

"Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" could learn humility from "Down and Out in Beverly Hills," the best-ever farce of life in suburban California.

Richard Dreyfuss plays a stereotypical Beverly Hills resident, complete with neurotic wife, played by Bette Midler, and a dog with his own psychiatrist.

This clothes hanger manufacturing tycoon's unfulfilling life changes drastically when he saves the life of a bum who tries to kill



himself in the swimming pool. Nick Nolte plays the scraggly phil-

osopher who livens up the family's drab lives.

Dreyfuss' dry humor leaves you thirsty for more, and Midler could make her own movie out of the flighty wife part. Nolte seems to enjoy his role as much as his character enjoys the Beverly Hills life.

The draw-back of the movie is the stale subject matter: a bum living with a family in Beverly Hills can be only so funny. The film is bogged down by predictable scenes and gags. In fact, the props and sets are sometimes more interesting

than the action.

This is Walt Disney's first R-rated feature, distributed by their "Touchstone" division, which also produced "Splash."

The premise is ridiculous, but so are a lot of Shakespeare's plays. "Down and Out in Beverly Hills" will still generate plenty of laughs.

### Murphy's Romance

Oscar season is not over yet, and the adult comedy "Murphy's Romance" is the newest entry in the race.

Sally Field plays a divorcee who

moves to a small Arizona town. She is befriended by the town druggist, Murphy, played by James Garner, as she tries to start life anew.

Then her irresponsible ex-husband, played by Brian Kerwin, shows up. He intends to get his wife — and meal ticket — back.

"Murphy's Romance" builds slowly but doesn't drag. Several scenes may make you chuckle, but mostly this film will make you smile. ★★☆☆

Herald ratings range from a five-star movie — a must see — to a one star — don't even take your dog.



Scott Wiseman/Herald

### Spray away

Taking advantage of yesterday's warm weather, Chris Daniels, a sophomore from Needmore, Penn., washes his car at the University Car Wash.

## VITA offers aid to confused taxpayers

Free tax assistance is available to taxpayers confused about filling out tax returns or who can't afford professional assistance.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, VITA, is sponsored by Western's accounting department and is coordinated by Dr. Charles T. Hays, professor of accounting. Student volunteers have

received training in basic income tax return preparation.

Except for the week of March 10, which is spring break, assistance will be available next week through April 10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Grise Hall, Room 455.

VITA volunteers will assist taxpayers with forms 1040A, 1040EZ and the basic 1040, including exemptions,

deductions and special credits that some taxpayers may be eligible for.

Taxpayers interested in free tax help should bring their tax packages, W-2 forms, interest statements, prior year tax returns and other necessary tax documents to the VITA center.

For more information call Hays at 745-2093.

## ELSEWHERE

### Murray State University

Problems with a computer system slowed class registration down early this semester. It was the first year the registration had been done entirely by computers.

One of the main terminals burned out the first morning, locking up the entire system for several hours.

Administrators said that a registration schedule, either by class or alphabetical order, might have solved some of the long lines. Students waited in line up to six hours.

### Eastern Kentucky University

President Hanley Funderburk's

original 3½-year contract has been extended one year by the board of regents.

The board also has approved an academic bankruptcy policy that allows undergraduate students who have been away from school two or more years to ask the university not to count any of their previous courses toward graduation.

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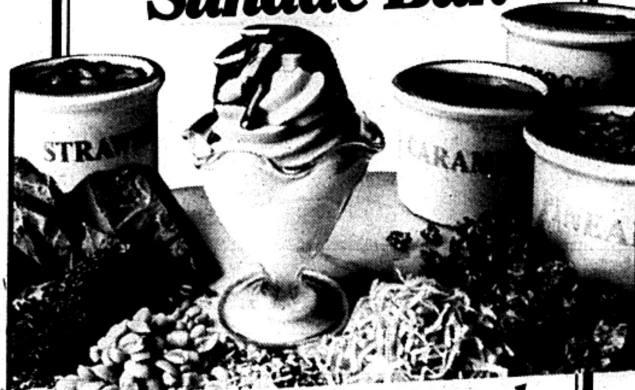
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# Rally scores with Collins

— Continued from Front Page —

The only section that had many open seats was the one reserved for legislators. The handful that showed were sizably outnumbered by media representatives.

But Collins proclaimed the rally, the highlight of "Higher Education Day in Kentucky," a success.

"Never before have representatives from every public and private college and university in the state gathered with distinguished citizens to express support for education," Collins said. "With this unity of purpose and this spirit of cooperation we can not fail in our resolve to move higher education forward."

Collins described the 1986-88 budget she presented last month to the legislature and explained how her spending plan would

bolster higher education in the state.

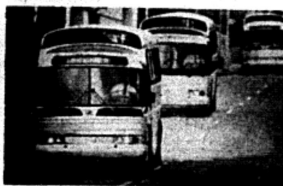
"It represents an unprecedented level of support for our colleges and universities," she said.

"This will enable our universities to address a number of needs," Collins said, "including our ability to attract and keep the best and brightest faculty."

James B. Hunt Jr., a former governor of North Carolina, also addressed the crowd and said that in this new economy, success comes from new knowledge.

In a state that ranks near the bottom in many education polls but has three basketball teams ranked in the Top 20, Kentucky is sometimes criticized for overemphasizing athletics, Collins said.

"Let's overemphasize education," Collins said, as cheers began to drown her out. "It's the best investment we can make in our future."



People traveled by buses, cars and vans to the Frankfort rally.



Swaying arm in arm, Gov. Martha Layne Collins, Big Red and other mascots end the rally by singing "My Old Kentucky Home."



(Above) President Kern Alexander, second from left, and three Western regents laugh during the rally. From left, are Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller, Alexander, Patsy Judd and Chairman Joe Iracane. (Right) Western students wave red towels before the rally.



Photos by Scott Wiseman, Allen Hensley and Bob Bruck



# New signs to aid in finding campus

By KAREN HENSLEY

Finding campus for the first time can be a problem.

Only three signs point to Western, said Dee Gibson, director of Community Affairs and Special Events at Western. "It's something we need to update."

In two to three weeks, Gibson said, the university will recommend new signs to the state highway department to help visitors get to campus by the easiest and shortest route.

The signs will be recommended for the north-south corridor (the 1984 extension of Kentucky Highway 446 which directs traffic past Diddle Arena), Interstate 65, the Green River Parkway, 31-W north and south, Russellville Road and Scottsville Road, Gibson said.

Signs are up now at the Greenwood Interchange, on the 31-W Bypass and on the Green River Parkway.

The best route to campus used to be Scottsville Road from I-65, said Lance Meredith, transportation engineer branch manager for the division of traffic in Bowling Green. But new roads, such as Kentucky High-

way 446, which runs past General Motors, created a need for new signs, he said. The highway was joined with I-65 in 1968.

Gibson said he and Riley Handy, Kentucky Museum director, and Kemble Johnson, interim Physical Plant administrator, will be choosing sites on both state and city roads for the signs.

Depending on the locations chosen, recommendations will go to either the city or state. Because Western is a state-funded institution, the state will pay for any signs approved for state roads, Meredith said. Western would buy the signs for city roads, and the city street department would place them, said Randall Farris, Public Works maintenance superintendent.

Money for the state signs would come from one of two sources: the state or a program through the Federal Highway Association that grants funds.

As for the city signs, Gibson said, "It's my understanding that Western will pay for the signs and either the Physical Plant will put them up or

the city will." But the main concern right now is to find the sites and request the signs, Gibson said.

The signs will probably be large panels with break-away posts and will vary in size, Meredith said. Break-away posts give signs flexibility and lessen damage if hit by a vehicle. A set of two will cost about \$5,000, Meredith said.

## SETTING IT STRAIGHT

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### Playing hard to get

Louis, a Doberman, hangs on to the frisbee his owner Kristen Dreier of Bowling Green. Wednesday during a game of keep-away with Dreier plans to attend Western in the fall.

Kathy Forrester/Herald

## CALLBOARD

### Movies

AMC I: **Murphy's Romance**, PG-13. 5:30 and 8. Friday 4:45, 7:15 and 9:45. Saturday 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15 and 9:45. Sunday 1:15, 3:45, 6:15 and 8:45.

AMC II: **Rocky IV**, PG. 5:45 and 8:15. Friday and Saturday 5:30 and 9:55. Sunday 4:30, 6:30 and 8:30. Matinee, **Yogi Bear**, G. Saturday 12:45 and 2:45. Sunday 1 and 2:45.

AMC III: **Twice in a Lifetime**, R.

5:15 and 7:45. Starting Friday **The Color Purple**, PG-13. 3:30, 6:30 and 9:30. Saturday 12:30, 3:30, 6:30 and 9:30. Sunday 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30.

AMC IV: **Down and Out in Beverly Hills**, R. 5:30 and 8. Friday 4:45, 7:15 and 9:45. Saturday 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15 and 9:45. Sunday 1:15, 3:45, 6:15 and 8:45.

AMC V: **Iron Eagle**, PG-13. 5:15 and 7:45. Friday 4:30, 7 and 9:30. Saturday 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30. Sunday 1, 3:30, 6 and 8:30.

AMC VI: **The Eliminators**, PG. 5:45 and 8:15. Starting Friday, F/X. R. 4:30, 7 and 9:55. Saturday 2, 7 and 9:55. Sunday 1, 3:30, 6 and 8:30.

Martin I: **Remo: The Adventure Begins**, PG-13. 7 and 9.

Martin II: **That was Then, This is Now**, R. 7 and 9.

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# Wet weekend proposed between dry rush weeks

By LEIGH ANNE EAGLESTON

Interfraternity Council is considering allowing wet parties to be held on the weekend during dry rush.

The motion was made by the representative of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at the council's meeting Tuesday. It is scheduled to be voted on at the Feb. 18 meeting.

"I'm not against this at all," said David Sneed, the council's graduate adviser. "This is what it (dry rush) started out to be."

"The reason is good, to get more people to go to the (fraternity) houses on the weekend" and then go ahead with dry rush during the week, he said.

But Sneed said he would like to see council members discuss the motion more thoroughly before voting on it.

"I hope it will be delayed until after dry rush evaluation," Sneed said. The committee to make that evaluation will meet for the first time on Tuesday, said first vice president Bill Burns, who made the wet weekend motion.

Dry rush lasted two weeks in the fall but was shortened to 10 days during the spring semester.

"This is the second straight regression," council President Ben Wathen said. "If we'd started out with this idea, it probably would have been better."

The idea to have wet weekends during dry rush was discussed by the council last spring, Burns said.

But, Sneed said, the feeling then was that if any part of dry rush was wet, then it wasn't dry rush.

Wathen said he thinks the council might not have examined dry rush as closely as it should have.

"If we had sat down and looked at it for a semester," he said, "we probably would have come up with something similar to this" wet weekend plan.

He said most universities he's familiar with have wet weekends during dry rush. He cited the University of Kentucky as an example.

Sneed said the wet weekend could make it easier for fraternities to drop out of dry rush. But he still supports a wet weekend during dry rush.

Wathen said fraternities being legally liable for accidents caused by people served at their wet parties is a consideration. But if the rushees are at the house, he said, the brothers can "keep an eye on them."

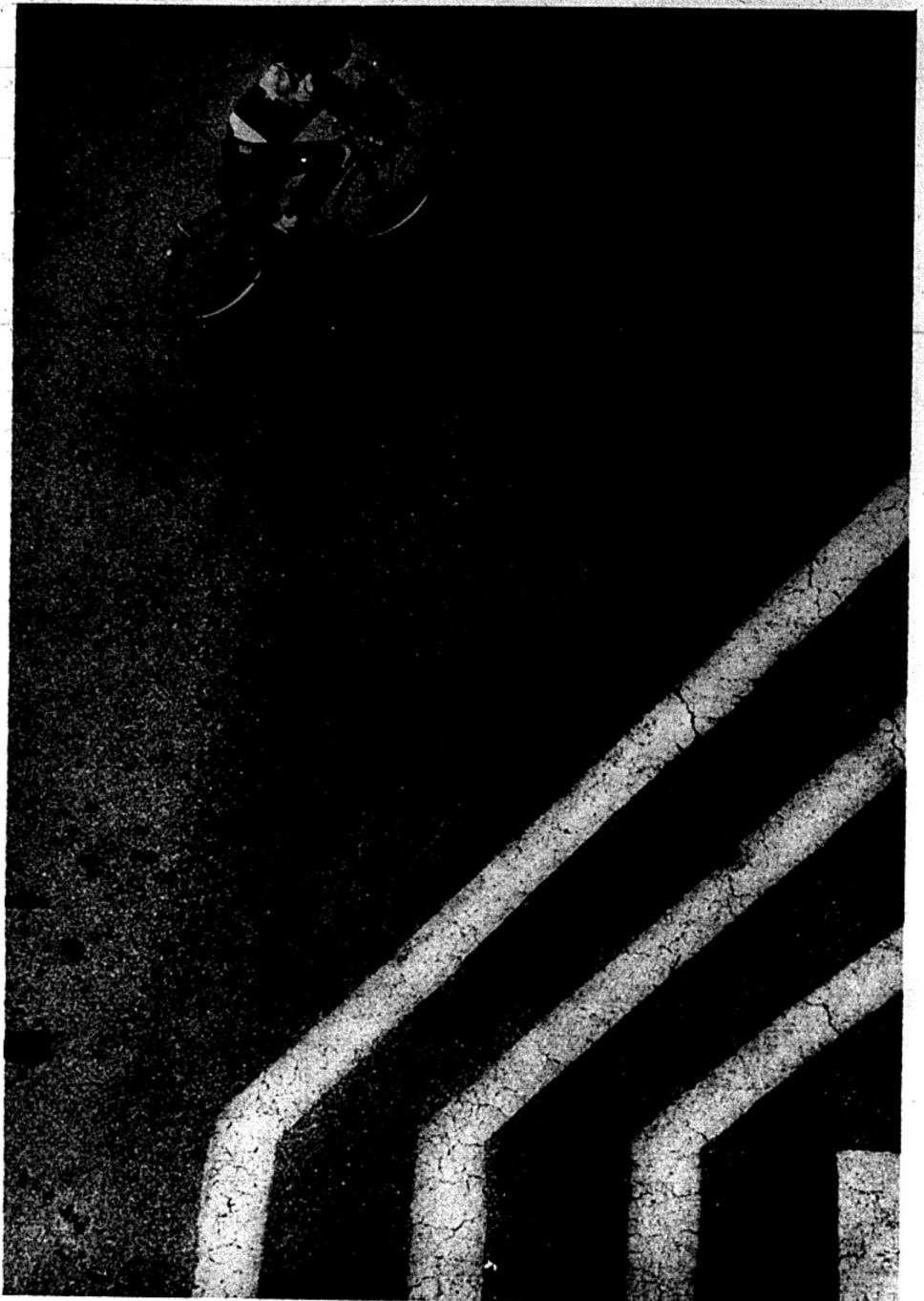
"It's better than being at a bar underage," Wathen said.

And Burns said he couldn't see his fraternity, the Pikes, dropping out of dry rush at the risk of losing pledges. The Pikes boycotted dry rush during its first year.

Troy Brooks, the Sigma Chi representative who seconded the motion, said he thought his fraternity would support the wet weekend.

The Leitchfield senior said he thought a wet weekend could help dry rush by breaking the monotony.

"If you drink responsibly," he said, "you can be responsible."



Drew Tarter/Herald

## Line drive

A student riding his bicycle after morning with parking stripes on the lot near Florence Schneider Hall.

## Grammar hotline offered

If your head spins at the thought of prepositional phrases, dependent clauses and objective pronouns, don't panic.

Western's English department is operating a Writer's Hotline during office hours to answer questions about usage, sentence structure and punctuation. The number is 745-3045.

Anna Jo Jackson, a former English instructor at Western, formed the hotline after reading an article about a similar program in another state.

Most of the calls, which are forwarded to the department's professors, come from secretaries writing business letters, said

Wanella Huddleston, an associate professor of English. Some calls are even long distance.

Huddleston hopes the department one day will be able to give more in-depth help to business people by scheduling appointments for individual help.

The hotline wasn't set up specifically for students because "most of them need more help than what we can give them over the phone," she said.

Students are usually referred to their respective instructor or the department's writing lab, she said.

## FOR THE RECORD

For the Record contains reports from Public Safety.

### Accidents

A car driven by Christopher J. Wright, North Hall, struck a car driven by Mark A. Daniel, Pearce-Ford Tower, Sunday in Bemis Lawrence parking lot.

Cars driven by Kristie L. Foulke, McCormack Hall, and Stephany Holland, Brookwood Trailer Park, collided on University Boulevard Monday.

Tracey Lynne Gray, South Hall, reported Monday that her parked car had been struck while it was on Normal Drive.

### Report

Jessica Lynn Busby, McCormack Hall, reported Monday that her car had been broken into while parked in the parking structure.

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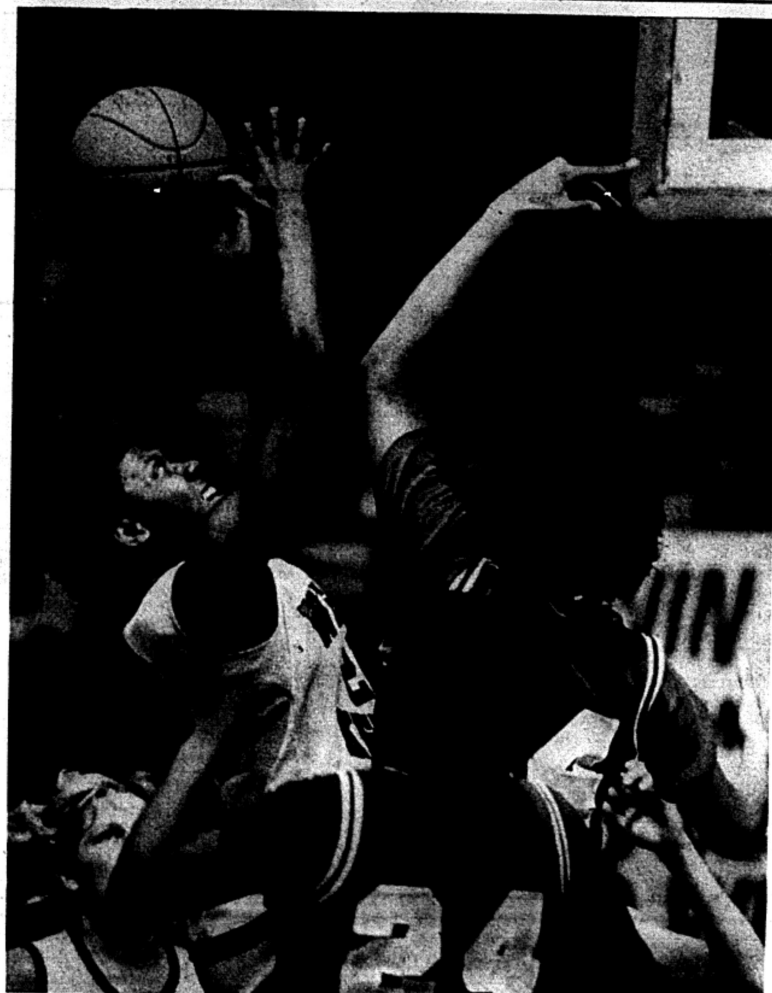
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## SPORTS



Annette "Cookie" Jones goes up for a rebound against Murray Tuesday

night, as Brigitte Combs looks on. The Lady Toppers won 93-60.

Mike Kiernan/Herald

## Tops continue to roll but can't draw crowds

By LUCRETIA LAWRENCE

The Lady Toppers gave their fans more to complain about Tuesday night.

They beat Murray 93-60.

Most teams have problems drawing fans when they lose, lose, lose.

But the 20-1 Lady Toppers are winning, winning, winning — 18 in a row by an average 30-point margin. And they moved up to No. 5 in the Associated Press Poll this week.

Ironically, that's the problem. Non-fans have defended their absence at Lady Topper games by saying the games are boring because Western always wins by so much.

But if that's the case, don't look for the crowd size to grow at Lady Topper games.

Because after a near loss at Tennessee Tech last week, the Lady Toppers went back to embarrassing opponents when they blew past the Racers in Diddle Arena.

Coach Paul Sanderford credited the outstanding defensive play of his squad to Assistant Coach Steve Small.

Sanderford went on a recruiting trip and left Small to work with the team defensively.

And the work showed.

"My hat is off to Coach Small," Sanderford said. "Our defense was 50 percent better than it was at Tennessee Tech. Offensively, we missed some shots that we usually hit, but we've been concentrating on defense."

However, the Lady Toppers still managed to shoot 51.6 percent for the game.

Lillie Mason's 17 points brought her to within 44 points of the 2,000-point plateau — a mark only two Western athletes have reached.

Jim McDaniels finished his college career in 1971 with 2,238, and Ralph Crosthwaite tallied his 2,076th point in 1958.

Kami Thomas tossed in 15 for the Toppers,

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while Annette Jones came off the bench to add 11. Charlene James and substitute Laura Ogles contributed 10 each.

Western won the battle of the boards, 46-30, as freshman Brigitte Combs grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds in only 12 minutes of playing time.

Murray scored the first three points of the contest, but after that, the game belonged to Western.

The Lady Toppers led 25-15 with 10 minutes remaining in the half, and expanded the margin to 17 by the intermission, leading 43-26.

"No doubt, Western is the best team we've seen this year," Murray coach Bud Childers said. "I was very impressed with their transition game."

"I'm somewhat of a Kami Thomas fan. I think she's the key — Thomas is the unsung hero on that ball club."

Western takes on Cheyney State at 7:30 Friday night in Diddle.

But the Lady Toppers' biggest game of the season comes Monday night in Athens, Ga., when they take on the second-ranked Georgia Lady Bulldogs at 6:30.

Georgia was responsible for ending the Lady Toppers' quest for an NCAA championship last year, handing Western a 91-78 loss in the semifinals.

"Monday night's game isn't going to make or break our season," Sanderford said. "But we do have a few things up our sleeves for Georgia."

"We're playing with more intensity now. We looked hungry again in the Murray game — the players had that look in their eyes."

## Win tonight assures Sun Belt lead, AP ranking

By BRENT WOODS

The minds of the Toppers will be on two things tonight at 6:30 (CST) in Norfolk, Va.

The Old Dominion Monarchs and the Associated Press Top 20 Poll.

And Western probably needs to beat the first to stay in the other.

The 19th-ranked Toppers, 18-3 overall and a first-place 7-1 in the conference, will return to Diddle Saturday for a 6 p.m. match up with North Carolina Charlotte, which will be carried by ESPN.

Then they will immediately hit the

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road to Jacksonville for a 7:30 game Monday night.

Tonight, Western will be trying to extend its 10-game winning streak and avenge a 62-59 setback in front of a full house at Diddle Arena in their first Sun Belt outing Dec. 28.

Coach Clem Haskins said a strategic error cost his squad the first game, but that he's going to make adjustments.

"We tried to sag way back and let them have the outside shot," Haskins said. "But their guards combined for 40 points, so I guess that wasn't the right thing to do."

But first-year Old Dominion coach Tom Young expects to see much the same tactic from the Toppers.

"The key of course will be playing smart," Young said. "But we have to get good perimeter play, because I'm sure Western will sag like they did before."

And Young will probably return to his strategy, too. He put a box-and-chaser on Western's leading scorer

Billy Gordon in the first meeting, and Gordon went four for 11 from the field.

The Monarchs are led by senior Kenny Gattison, who is ranked third in the Sun Belt in scoring, with a 17.8 average and is the league's most accurate shooter with a .626 percentage from the floor.

He went only six of 15 in the first contest, but Young said Gattison's ankle is feeling better now than earlier in the season.

"Gattison may be one of the premier power forwards in the country," Haskins said.

Those guards, which hurt the Tops earlier this season, are Keith Thomas and Frank Smith. Thomas is ninth in the conference in scoring average at 14.8, and he hit his first nine shots from the parking lot in the first meeting.

The Monarchs lost starting freshman forward Garriek Davis for the rest of the season Saturday night when he broke his hand against UNC Charlotte.

However, senior forward Sylvester Charles is able to play after

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## Milburn leaps obstacles to gain lofty track heights

By JOE MEDLEY

Looking at John Milburn's track credits at Western and in high school, one wouldn't think he's been bounced around to five different schools in the last three years.

But Western is the fifth and, hopefully, final stop in Milburn's merry-go-round college career.

He graduated in 1982 from Louisville Male High School a two-time state champion in the long jump and the owner of the state record of 6 feet 9 inches in the high jump.

Now, the senior is eyeing the Western high jump record of 7 feet 1, held by his present coach, Chuck Durrant. He also hopes to qualify for the NCAA meet — and he's looking forward to a possible appearance in the Olympics.

Milburn's high school track exploits did not vault him directly to stardom over the bar at Western, however. He went through a series of rejections and disappointments before he ended up on the Hill.

Surprisingly, he was not offered a track scholarship out of high school.

"Thinking back, it was really disappointing," Milburn said.

The only college sport Milburn played before coming to Western was one semester of basketball at Hanover College in Indiana.

But Milburn had to leave Hanover because of its limited curriculum and his financial problems.

The computer science major returned to Louisville and enrolled at U of L. He had hoped to jump for the Cardinals but ran into another difficulty.

"I could not get in touch with their

coach," he said. "I tried numerous ways, but could not reach him."

Milburn then transferred to Jefferson Community College, an extension of the University of Kentucky in Louisville that has no track program.

His only involvement in track at that point was his return to Male as an assistant coach. He also coached the Metro Parks youth league.

"I wasn't really depressed, because I still had an affiliation with it," he said. "I had a lot of things going. I was helping jumpers at my

high school, and some of the kids in the Metro Parks went on to compete nationally."

Milburn decided to transfer to the University of Kentucky. Including his time at JCC, a year went by before he jumped again.

"When I was at JCC," he said, "I pretty much figured it was over."

But Milburn heard about a non-collegiate all-comers invitational meet while at UK. He looked at the meet as just an opportunity to have a

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# Milburn makes good on chance

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good time and jump again.

He had fun. He bounded seven feet. "I was amazed with that," he said. "I'm glad I went to that meet."

Milburn's interest in track was rekindled. He went to the assistant coach at Kentucky, hoping to return to competition. But the Wildcats' head coach was not interested.

Milburn talked to Western coach Curtiss Long after that setback.

"Long said that if I came down here, that I'd have to prove myself," Milburn said. "He wasn't going to give me a scholarship just because I came down here and told him I jumped seven feet at an intramural meet."

But Milburn made good on his opportunity.

He traveled to Murfreesboro, Tenn., and jumped unattached in the Toppers' first meet of the 1985 indoor season.

He cleared 7 feet 1.

"I think I got his attention," Milburn said.

He had to red-shirt the '85 season, but ran unattached in the Hilltoppers' meets.

Because of NCAA rules, Milburn could not travel with the team, so he had to provide his own transportation to the meets.

But that was to be the last of his track frustrations.

Milburn got his scholarship and is already contributing more than his jumping talents to the Hilltopper cause.

"He is a fine team leader," Dur-

rant said. "He's great to coach and real easy to communicate with — both with me and other team members."

Milburn's first meet for Western was at Middle Tennessee two weeks ago, where he cleared 6 feet 10.

"I was real excited to wear 'Western' and go out there and jump," he said.

In the short term, Milburn hopes to set the Western record and appear in the NCAA meet. If he matches his personal-best leap of 7 feet 1 in a Western uniform, he will snap Durrant's nine-year hold on the mark.

"We talk about that," Milburn said. "I tease him, but he pushes me to get it."

"If he didn't," Durrant said, "I'd be disappointed."

## Western hopes to spear Tiger Sharks

By LYNN HOPPES

A "beware of sharks" sign is posted on many beach fronts.

But Western isn't too worried about tomorrow's meet, in which they jump in the water against the Tennessee State Tiger Sharks in Nashville at 2 p.m.

"It should be an easy meet," Coach Bill Powell said. "Basically, in this meet I'll find out some things I didn't know."

The Tops, sporting a 4-0 record this year in dual meets, are looking to come back from a poor performance last weekend in Peoria, Ill.

They were blown out by Southwest Missouri, 82-31, and by Bradley,

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63-50. But Powell thinks the losses may have opened the Toppers' eyes.

"After getting beat badly, you can do two things — fold it up or swim with a vengeance," Powell said. "Right now, I think we're swimming with a vengeance."

Powell said Monday afternoon's workout was "the best practice of the season."

"They had fire in their eyes," Powell said. "It really showed the true character of the team. The loss was devastating, but the season comes down to the Midwest (Intercollegiate Championship)."

For tomorrow's meet, Powell plans to use a wide variety of swimmers in different events.

"I plan to use a lot of swimmers who haven't had the opportunity to swim much this season," Powell said. "It'll pay off around championship time."

Last year, the Toppers crushed the Tiger Sharks, 63-47, by winning 11 out of 13 events.

Tennessee State this year has a 2-5 record, and Donald Moody, assistant coach, said he's not expecting miracles.

"We're really going to strive for personal bests," he said. "We're rebuilding this year, and a win isn't in our plans."

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# Toppers to return to Middle

By JOE MEDLEY

If Middle Tennessee ever gets tired of the Murphy Athletic Center, Western's track team could use the facility as its home stadium.

Coach Curtiss Long will take the men's team to Murfreesboro Saturday for its third appearance in Middle's complex this season.

The Toppers will take on Southeast Missouri, Austin Peay, Middle and Auburn, which is regarded as one of the best teams in the country.

"For the first time this year, our people are going to run in their specialties," Long said.

Murphy Center will also be the spot for a Western homecoming — of sorts.

## INDOOR TRACK

Southeast Missouri is coached by Bill Goutier, a former Western track standout.

But the Hilltoppers will be without some of their top athletes.

Phillip Ryan is out for the season after his knee did not respond to tendonitis treatment last week. He will go on a rehabilitation program.

Pat Alexander is suffering from the flu, and Lance Darland is nursing a sore back.

"We will be hurt in scoring," Long said. "This will be an opportunity for the ones who will run to improve upon what they've done so far."

Western will have a strong contingent in the high jump, where John Milburn will lead the way with a personal best jump of 6 feet 10 inches.

Victor Ngubeni, after his victory in the half-mile run Saturday at the Indiana Relays, will run the event again along with Brian Blankenship and John Mayes.

Jon Barker is steadily coming back from a battle with the flu and will run in the 3,000-meter event. Jeff Peeples, Bret Kennard and Mike McMahan will also participate in the race.

"There will be fast times and fast people," Long said. "It'll be a good chance to run against some people with national ability."

# Win will give Hilltoppers control

By STEVE GIVAN

If Western wins tonight, the Sun Belt Conference race will be the Toppers' to win or lose, according to Coach Clem Haskins.

"No question about it; if we go to ODU and come up with a big win, we should be able to control our own destiny from there," Haskins said after Monday's win over Jacksonville.

At 7-1, the Toppers could put themselves two full games ahead of Old Dominion and Alabama-Birmingham in the loss column. Currently, the Monarchs are 7-2 in the league, and the Blazers are 8-3 after bowing to Jacksonville Saturday at home.

## SUN BELT

If Old Dominion tops Western again, the Monarchs would be in first place by virtue of their eight conference wins.

"The game with Western is very important to us," Old Dominion coach Tom Young said. "It's obviously pivotal as far as who wins the conference."

Old Dominion will host South Alabama Saturday, and then it will finish out the season with three conference games on the road against arch rival, and much improved Virginia Commonwealth, along with Jacksonville and South Florida.

The only other Sun Belt game to-

night is Alabama-Birmingham at Virginia Commonwealth.

This weekend could also prove to be a big one in the women's race with Old Dominion hosting South Alabama in Norfolk, Va., tomorrow.

Western and Old Dominion, the reigning national champ, are 2-0 in conference play, and South Alabama is 2-1.

Old Dominion is only 9-9 overall, though, being hit with a rugged schedule and injuries.

"Marianne (Stanley) has had to put a lot of younger people on the floor — as many as five freshmen at a time — and we're just taking our lumps right now," Sports Information Director Carol Hudson said yesterday from Norfolk.

# Next three games can decide conference

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recovering from a broken foot.

Young said, though, that Ronnie Wade will start for Davis because Charles is not expected to be at full speed.

Gordon leads the Tops with a 14.8 per game average, and Kannard Johnson is tossing in 12.5.

Tellis Frank checks in with 10.8, and Clarence Martin leads the rebounding department with 7.1 boards per game.

James McNary is the assist leader, dishing out 5.4 each contest.

The Toppers outdistanced UNC Charlotte 78-67 in Charlotte, but the 49ers will feature the Sun Belt's top

scorer, 6-7 junior Mike Milling. He's hitting for 18.8 points per game and is third in the conference in rebounding at 7.8.

Keith Williams, a 5-11 guard, is averaging 14.3 points per game.

Jacksonville, which fell to Western 51-46 Saturday night, is led by 6-5 swing man Otis Smith and guard Ronnie Murphy.

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# Comic's egg imitation cracks up audience

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choke 'em."

Though Ballard's shiny scalp is convenient for jokes, he lamented that 90 percent of body heat is lost through his head: "I'm a walking bunsen burner."

The group has covered 37 states and performed at more than 300 colleges and universities, Dunckel said.

"The only problem with it is being away from our families," Dunckel said. He has a wife and a daughter. Ballard, 34, has four children, and Griffin, 23, is engaged to be married this summer.

They are often on the road all night, each taking turns maneuvering the mobile home.

The group traveled 400 miles to Eureka, Ill., yesterday and returned to Kentucky today to perform at Morehead State University. The group has acts scheduled for 27 of February's 28 days.

How do they get the students to laugh?

"You don't want to put them in a bad frame of mind," Dunckel advised. A key point is to "sock it to 'em" early.

Though the shiny-headed Ballard looks like a comedian, Griffin's reserved persona enhances his ability to nab the unwary.

"That's where I catch a lot of people off guard. They think I look like a student or a school teacher, not a comedian," Griffin said.

The comedians were polished in their presentation to the receptive

crowd, but they said it's not always easy.

"It's a lot more complicated than a lot of people think," Dunckel said. Rough nights for the comics do come up every once in a while, he said.

Monday night's show at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn., was one of those, Ballard said.

"I think they had a Dow Chemical Plant blow up before we got there," he joked. "It was just a real slow crowd."

At another stop, the first four contestants each lasted six minutes, cleaning out the troupe's \$100 budget for the evening.

They've had some problems in college cafeterias, too. Advertising there can be dangerous, Ballard said.

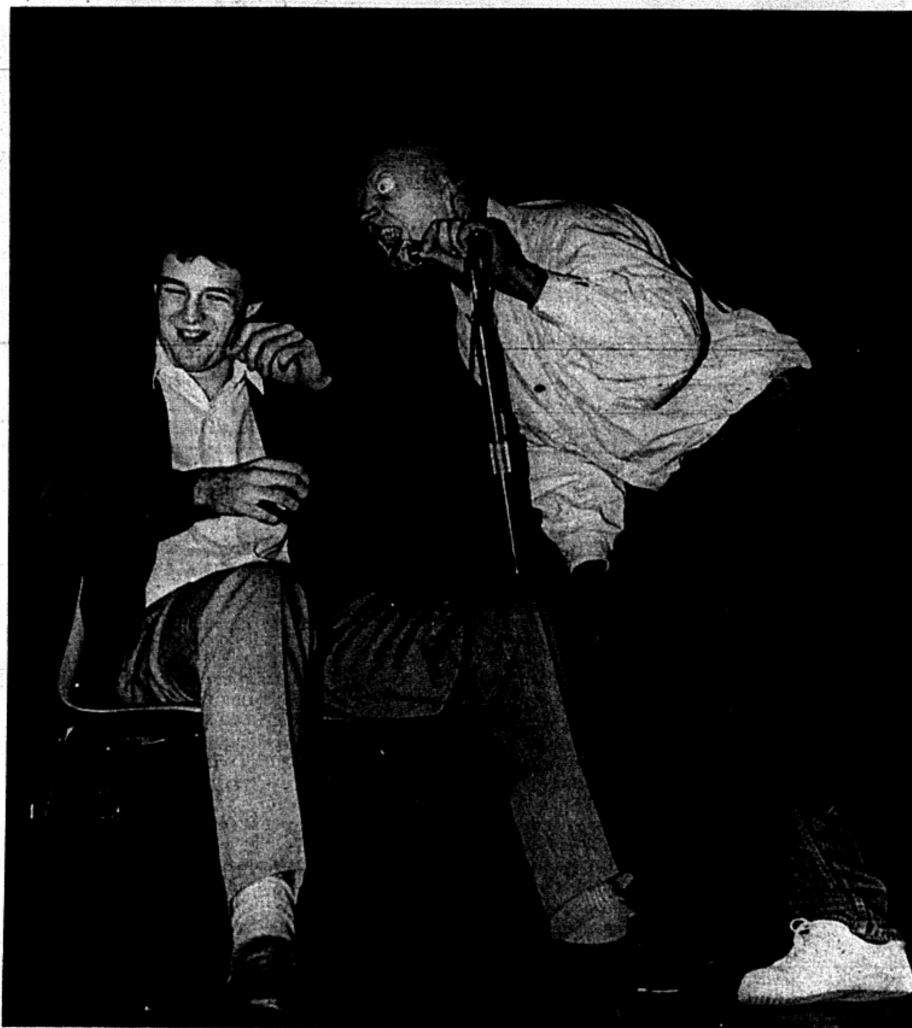
"One lady actually picked Joe up and dragged him out by his face," Ballard laughed.

Despite the time on the road and the occasionally dead crowds, Dunckel loves what he is doing.

"I've never wanted to do anything else," he said, preparing to pack up the group's props. "I'll do it 'til I drop."

Louisville freshman Sean Oyler loses his composure and his chance at \$25 as Danny Ballard makes him laugh at Tuesday night's comedy show.

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